

CHAPTER NO. 222

HOUSE BILL NO. 999

By Representative Sontany

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 991

By Senator Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-511, relative to death determination and pronouncement by registered nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-511, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (f):

(f) A registered nurse may make the actual determination and pronouncement of death under the following circumstances:

- (1) The deceased was a resident of an assisted-care living facility;
- (2) Death was anticipated, and the attending physician has agreed in writing to sign the death certificate. Such agreement by the attending physician must be present and with the deceased at the place of death;
- (3) The nurse is licensed by the state; and
- (4) The nurse is employed by the assisted-care living facility in which the deceased resided.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 9, 2005


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 27th day of May 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR